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Serial No.: 09/157,018 Group Art Unit: 2173

Filed: September 18, 1998 Examiner: S. Luu

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DYNAMICALLY ADJUSTING DATA VALUES AND ENFORCING VALID COMBINATIONS OF THE DATA IN RESPONSE TO REMOTE USER INPUT

"EXHIBIT A"

IN SUPPORT OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

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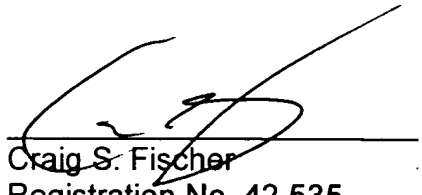
Sir:

Attached please find a hard copy of an e-mail in support of a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131. The attached e-mail has been identified as "Exhibit A" and consists of one page.

Respectfully submitted,
Dated: January 25, 2002



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From: [redacted]
To: CarPoint Full-Time Employees
Cc:
Subject: FW: Test drive CarPoint 2.0 Beta
Attachments:

Sent:Fri 10/3/1997 11:04 AM

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-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 03, 1997 10:21 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Test drive CarPoint 2.0 Beta

That's great that they've incorporated kbb.com. it's a fantastic site and one of the most useful I've seen.

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 03, 1997 10:10 AM
To: Interactive Media Group All
Subject: Test drive CarPoint 2.0 Beta

The CarPoint team is now putting the finishing touches on their version 2.0 release and they can use your help to ensure that what they release is the best product possible. You can reach their beta at:

http://carpoint.msn.com/v2

Version 2.0 marks a significant advancement for CarPoint. I highly recommend you take a look at it. The site has been completely redesigned around the ISM consumer promise of Insight, Decision. Action.

In version 2.0, CarPoint for the first time expands its focus to offer used car information, including detailed specifications, vehicle reliability, and Kelly Blue Book pricing. You will also see a greatly expanded collection of new car information. Version 2.0 also features some exciting new features that promise to keep CarPoint on the cutting edge of web technology, including:

- **Auto Pricer:** a vehicle specing tool that lets you interactively and accurately build and price your car from the ground up.
- **Side-by-Side Compare:** which allows you to pit cars head-to-head to see how they compare across a variety of features and specs.
- **Power Search:** an improved version of CarPoint's new car search filter
- **Kelly Blue Book Pricer:** allows you to interactively spec out and price any used car.
- **Financing Rates:** through the good offices of Money Insider, CarPoint offers you up-to-date, local automotive financing rates for both new & used vehicles.
- **Used Car Classifieds:** once you've learned all about the used car of your dreams, you can locate and purchase it using CarPoint's Interactive Classifieds, which are automatically updated on a daily basis directly from participating dealer inventories.

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Sir:

I, Steven D. Lamb, hereby declare that:

1. I am an inventor of claims 1-18 of the above-identified patent application and an inventor of th subject matter described and claimed therein.

2. Prior to December 10, 1997, my co-inventor and I conceived in the United States the idea of allowing a remote user to dynamically adjust data and enforce valid combinations in response to the remote user interaction. This idea includes the following:

a. a method for dynamically displaying data on a client computer including receiving transmitted results, sub-items associated with the results and rules of enforcement of sub-item combinations, processing the results in real time using the client computer, preventing sub-item conflicts using the transmitted rules of enforcement, and dynamically displaying the processed results on a client display device;

b. a method for dynamically displaying pricing data on a client display device including establishing a communications interface between a client and server, requesting pricing data, generating pricing data with associated options and rules for selection and combination of the associated options, transmitting the pricing data, associated options and rules for selection and combination of the associated options, displaying a set of pricing results, providing a user interface on the client, and dynamically updating the pricing data using the client to process the update in response to user interaction with the pricing data and associated options as well as rules for selection and combination;

c. a display device having rendered thereon dynamically changing results of a database query, including a set of results, criteria associated with the results, and rules of enforcement of the criteria, at least one dynamic output, and at least one adjustable interface option displayed to enable adjustment by a remote client of the associated criteria within the transmitted rules of enforcement for causing the dynamic output to change in real time;

d. a method for enforcing valid combinations of data using a server computer, including receiving a request from a remote computer and transmitting results, sub-items associated with the results, and rules of enforcement of sub-item combinations from the server to a remote computer. The processing of the transmitted results is performed in real time in response to a user adjustment of the transmitted results and sub-items associated with the transmitted results, and sub-items conflicts are prevented using the transmitted rules of enforcement.

3. Subsequent to conc iving of the idea, I reduced the invention to practice

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at Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Washington in th United States of America. Th resulting reduction to practice is documented in an e-mail announcing the release of the beta version of a software application mbodying the claimed invention described by the specification of the above-identified patent application. The efforts leading to the reduction to practice of the invention began shortly after conception and were completed prior to December 10, 1997.

4. After conceiving of the aforementioned idea, the idea was reduced to practice and released as a beta version prior to December 10, 1997. As evidence of this, a copy of an internal Microsoft e-mail, dated October 3, 1997 is attached as Exhibit "A". This e-mail, which was sent by a leader of the software development group of which I was a member, indicates that the finishing touches were being put on a beta version of a software application entitled "CarPoint" and was available on an internal Microsoft directory for testing. The referenced CarPoint software application fully embodied a reduction to practice of the invention described by the above-identified patent application. Once the invention was reduced to practice, a period of testing ensued prior to public release of the software. Following the period of testing, work was begun on drafting the above-identified patent application, which was filed on September 18, 1998.

5. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Signed: _____ Dated: 1/23/02

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